

**ACHPR/Res. 462 (LXVI) 2020: Resolution on the Renewal of the Mandate, Appointment of the Chairperson and Reconstitution of the Working Group on Communications**

***The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Commission), meeting at its 66th Ordinary Session, held virtually from 13 July to 7 August 2020:***

**Recalling** its mandate of promotion and protection of human and peoples' rights in Africa under Article 45 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (African Charter);

**Noting** its protection mandate which involves the consideration of Communications alleging human rights violations against State Parties to the African Charter, pursuant to Articles 47 and 55 of the African Charter;

**Noting** its Resolution ACHPR/Res.194 (L) 11 adopted at its 50<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session held in Banjul, The Gambia, from 24 October to 5 November 2011 establishing a Working Group on Communications (Working Group) and appointing its Members;

**Noting also** its Resolution ACHPR/Res.212 (EXT.OS/XI) 2012 adopted at its 11<sup>th</sup> Extra-Ordinary Session held in Banjul, The Gambia, from 21 February to 1 March 2012 defining the mandate of the Working Group;

**Recalling** its Resolution ACHPR/Res.255 (LII) 2012 on the extension of the mandate and modification of the composition of the Working Group adopted at its 52<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session held from 9 to 22 October 2012 in Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire;

**Further Recalling** its Resolutions ACHPR/Res.255 (LIV) 2013 and ACHPR/Res.314 (LVII) 2015 on the renewal of the mandate of the Working Group for two-year periods;

**Further recalling** Resolution ACHPR/Res.385 (LXI) 2017 on the Renewal of the Mandate and Reconstitution of the Working Group;

**Recalling** Resolution ACHPR/Res.425 (LXV) 2019 which renewed the mandate of all its Special Mechanisms, including the Working Group for a period of six (6) months, with effect from 10 November 2019;

**Recognising** the importance of the work of the Working Group;

**Noting** with satisfaction the work done by the Working Group under the leadership of Commissioner Lucy Asuagbor in her capacity as Chairperson of the Working Group;

**Considering** that the mandate of the Chairperson and the Members of the Working Group has come to an end;

**Bearing in mind** the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) relating to its Special Mechanisms, adopted during its 27<sup>th</sup> Extra-Ordinary Session held from 19 February to 4 March 2020, in Banjul, The Gambia;

**Noting in particular**, guidance provided by the SOPS on the working modalities of Special Mechanisms, general roles and responsibilities of mandate holders, the composition, appointment, tenure and conduct of mandate holders; as well as terms of office of Expert Members;

**Noting** the Final Communiqué of the 28th Extraordinary Session held from 29 June to 1 July 2020 wherein responsibilities were assigned to Commissioners;

**Decides to:**

- i. **Appoint Commissioner Kayitesi Zainabo Sylvie** as the Chairperson of the Working Group for a period of two years, with effect from 1 July 2020;
- ii. **Appoint** for the same period **Commissioner Marie Louise Abomo** as Vice-Chairperson of the Working Group;
- iii. **Renew** for the same period the mandate of **Commissioners Solomon Ayele Dersso, Rémy Ngoy Lumbu and Maria Teresa Manuela** as Members of the Working Group.

**Done virtually, 07 August 2020**